

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-45 (cancelled)

46. (previously presented) A remote proofing system, comprising:

(a) a first printer for printing a first output print having an image thereon, wherein a marking containing metadata describing the image is coupled to said first output print;

(b) a reader for scanning the marking, said reader capable of providing said metadata in a metadata file;

(c) a second printer for printing a second output print, wherein said second printer accepts said metadata file from said reader, said metadata file conditioning the operation of said second printer so that the second output print is substantially identical in appearance to said first output print.

47. (previously presented) An apparatus for comparing output prints produced by image processing apparatus comprising:

(a) a first substrate having a first image thereon;

(b) a first machine readable marking coupled to said first substrate, wherein said first machine readable mark identifies a first data source and processing used to create said first image;

(c) a second substrate having a second image thereon;

(d) a second machine readable marking coupled to said second substrate, wherein said second machine readable mark identifies a second data source and processing used to create said second image;

(e) a first scanner reading said first machine readable mark;

(f) a second scanner for reading said second machine readable mark; and

(g) a computer for comparing said second machine readable mark to said first machine readable mark in order to determine that said first and second image are identical.

48. (previously presented) The apparatus as in claim 47 wherein said first image and said second image are located remotely from each other.

49. (previously presented) A method for producing identical images comprising:

printing a first image on a first substrate with a first machine readable mark;

printing a second image on a second substrate with a second machine readable mark;

scanning said first and second machine readable marks; and

comparing said first and second machine readable marks to determine if said first and second images are identical.